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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	49672	Agenda Number	44.
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Meeting Date:	9/17/2015	Department:	Austin Police Department
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$165,311 in additional grant funds from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, and amending the Fiscal Year 2014- 2015 Austin Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20140908-001) to appropriate \$165,311 for the Austin Police Department's APD Victim Crisis Intervention Project. Related to Item # 43.

Amount and Source of Funding

Additional funding in the amount of \$165,310.95 is available in a grant from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, Victims of Crime Act Fund making the total award for September 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016 \$230,310.95.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	September 25, 2014 Item # 59 Resolution No. 20140925-059 was approved on consent on Mayor Pro Tem Cole's motion, Council Member Spelman's second on a 7-0 vote.
For More Information:	Brian Manley, Chief of Staff x5030
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The current FY 2014 – 2015 Austin Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund includes \$65,000 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD), Victims of Crime Act Fund. The Austin Police Department (APD) will receive a grant award in the amount of \$230,311 from the State, which is \$165,311 more than anticipated. A match of 20% of the total project cost is required and will be met by funding the salary of an existing city-funded victim service supervisor.

This ordinance will accept \$165,311 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Victims of Crime Act Fund and amend the Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20140908-001) to appropriate said funds for APD's APD Victim Crisis Intervention Project.

Victims of Crime Act funding will allow the City to:

- continue the salary of an existing grant-funded victim counselor (\$75,289)
- hire two full-time temporary status victim counselors (\$111,956)
- provide overtime for victim counselors (\$10,000)
- purchase project equipment and supplies (\$33,066)

This is the second year of this project. With CJD funds, the APD Victim Crisis Intervention Project will provide mental health and practical intervention for victims of crime in a timely fashion. This intervention may include crisis counseling and stabilization, justice support, personal advocacy, emergency placement in a shelter, safety planning, and information and referrals to other helpful service providers. APD anticipates the project will provide services for over 800 victims of crime during the project period.